

FISCAL NOTE

HB 1900 - SB 2083

April 2, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases fines for certain motor vehicle offenses. Establishes fines for the accumulation of driving record points. Requires the Department of Safety to send notification letters for the payment of fees and requires license suspension if the fees are not paid within sixty days. A designated amount of the fees is earmarked for the Highway Fund and for Tennessee hospitals that provide trauma services with the remainder to be deposited in the General Fund.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Revenues - \$57,605,700 General Fund
\$35,000,000 Highway Fund
\$25,000,000 Trauma Hospitals**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$3,972,800 Recurring
\$550,800 One-Time**

Increase Local Govt. Revenues - \$4,634,500

Assumptions:

- The state will receive the motor vehicle fines and the clerks will receive a commission on the fines in accordance with TCA 55-10-303. The state will receive the entire amount of revenues generated from the fines for the accumulation of driving record points. State revenues will be divided in accordance with the provisions of this bill.
- The Department of Safety will need fifty-three additional positions to issue fines for the accumulation of driving record points, send notification letters, track payments and initiate driver license suspensions. In addition, the Department anticipates it will hold a substantially greater number of hearings relative to driver license suspensions. The Department will need thirty additional positions to hold hearings.
- A recurring increase in state expenditures for the salary and benefits of the additional positions and the operational expenses relative to sending notices and holding hearings.
- A one-time increase in state expenditures for office furnishing, computer equipment and computer programming.

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CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a distinct "W".

James W. White, Executive Director